

A large wooden crucifix is positioned on the left side of the frame. A person is on the cross, with their arms outstretched. The background is a bright, cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# SEEING THE BIG PICTURE

Looking At The Bible Story Of Salvation

# The Story of Salvation

The Bible is one of the most popular and yet misunderstood books in the world. It is possible to know a lot about the Bible without really understanding the Bible and how it all fits together. God could have written the Bible so only Greek scholars or theologians could understand it. Instead it was written in a very plain way so that it could be understood by anyone who wants to know its contents.

We are going to take a big picture view of the Bible—particularly with respect to the matter of salvation. Sometimes it is easy to see the “trees” and miss the “forest.” This lesson looks the forest! We will learn some things about the Bible itself, about God, man and the devil. We will see how God has developed His plan for saving men and what men must do to be saved.

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# The Incredible Book

## By The Numbers

- 66 Books: 39 Old Testament Books  
27 New Testament Books
- 1500 Years to Write (1450 BC - 100 AD)
- 40 Different Writers
- 6 Major Empires
- 2 Different Continents
- 3 Different Languages:

Hebrew

וּקְשַׁרְתֶּם לְאוֹת  
עֵינֶיךָ: וּכְתַבְתֶּם

Aramaic

יְצוּה לך לְשִׁמְרֵךְ בְּכָל  
דְּאִיְהוּ מִקְטֵרְג לִיָּה

Greek

ΚΑΙ ΔΟΥΤΩΣ ΜΟΥ  
ΜΑΚΑΙ ΗΛΟΙ ΠΗ  
ΗΜΕΛΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΓΥΝΗ  
Η ΑΝΑΡΕΧΗ ΤΩ ΔΑΣΙ  
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# 1 Theme

# The Incredible Book

Key **8**  
Passages

help us identify  
the one great  
theme of the Bible

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# **1** Theme

# 8

Key Passages

Genesis 1:1

## Main Characters

# God

Two Important Facts  
About God:

He is the Creator  
He has Authority

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## Key Passages

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 1:26-27

## Main Characters

**God**

**Man**

We are made in God's image. We possess a spirit that continues on after death.

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**God**

**Man**

# Satan

**Satan** is opposed to God and leads men into **sin**.

This puts  
**men in conflict with God!**

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"Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You can not look on wickedness with favor..."

*Habakkuk 1:13*

## **Sin Separates Us From God**

"...your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."

*Isaiah 59:2*

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# God is Holy

# the Consequence of Sin

"You were **dead** in  
trespasses and sins"

*Ephesians 2:1*

"the wages of sin is **death**"

*Romans 6:23*

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"**all have sinned** and fall  
short of the glory of God"

*Romans 3:23*

# God's Justice **Demands** Death as Payment for Sin!



Our situation is desperate:

- We have violated God's law.
- We are separated from God.
- We are under a death penalty.

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We cannot pay the  
price to redeem ourselves!

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## Key Passages

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 3:1-7

Genesis 12:1-3

**God is at work to  
remedy the sin problem:**

## Three Promises To Abraham

**Land**

**Nation**

**Seed**

**"In your seed all the nations of  
the earth shall be blessed."**

*Genesis 22:18*

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## The Prophets Announced

*New Covenant  
Forgiveness Of Sins*

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

*A coming Savior who  
would bear our sins...*

**"In your seed all the nations of  
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*Genesis 22:18*

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Matthew 1:1

Connecting  
The Old Testament  
**Seed Promise** with  
The New Testament

**Jesus Christ**

son of

**David**

son of

**Abraham**

Now to **Abraham** and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "**And to your Seed,**" who is Christ.

*Galatians 3:16*

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John 1:29

**“Behold, the  
Lamb of God  
who takes away  
the sin of the  
world!”**



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# Christ's **Death** in Prophecy

1400 BC

700 BC

**700 Years**

1 AD

33 AD

First five  
books of the  
Bible written

Isaiah's  
Prophecy  
Written

**Before  
Christ!**

Birth of  
Jesus

Death  
of  
Jesus

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**Isaiah 53**

# Christ's **Death** in Prophecy

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; **The chastisement for our peace was upon Him**, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; **And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

8 He was cut off from the land of the living; **For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.**

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make **His soul an offering for sin**, He shall see His seed.

11 By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For **He shall bear their iniquities.**

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**FROM ISAIAH 53**

# The Lamb of

God...

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a **ransom** for many."

*Matthew 20:28*

"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many **for the forgiveness of sins.**"

*Matthew 26:28*

And you know that **He appeared to take away our sins**, and in Him there is no sin.

*1 John 3:5*



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...**A Ransom**

# Christ's Sacrifice

## Old Testament Fulfillment

"Do not think I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. **I did not come to destroy but fulfill.**"

*Matthew 5:17*



Sinner



Sanctified

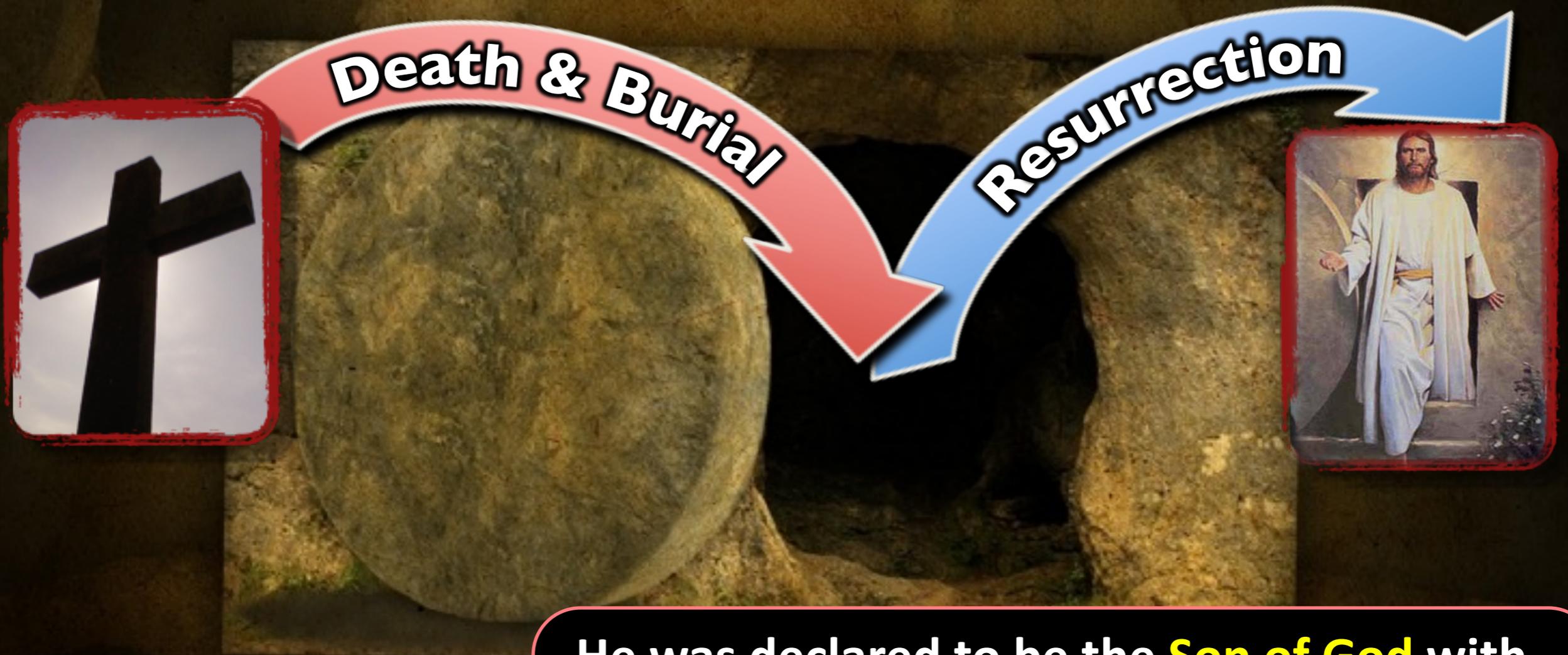
You were redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

*1 Peter 1:19*

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# Resurrection!

Christ's death, burial and resurrection are the heart of the gospel!



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He was declared to be the **Son of God** with power according to the Spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead.**

*Romans 1:4*

Shortly after Jesus was raised  
from the dead, He gave His disciples...

# The Great Commission

And He said to them,  
"Go into all the world and **preach  
the gospel** to every creature."

*Mark 16:15*

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This important command was among the Lord's  
last words just before He went back to heaven!

# The Power of God: The Gospel

For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

*Romans 1:16*

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**The Gospel is a  
Message of **Salvation**  
for **Every** Person.**



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"In your seed all the nations of the earth  
will be blessed." *Genesis 22:18*

# The Gospel Must Be Obeyed!

"...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those **who do not know God**, and on those **who do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

*2 Thessalonians 1:7-9*

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# How?

**How do I obey the gospel?  
What must I do?**

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**To live,  
we must die!**

**If we died with Him, we  
shall also live with Him.**

*2 Timothy 2:11*

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*The fundamental question is...*

**When?**

**When do I die to sin?**

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**Romans 6:1-23**

Our final text  
answers the  
question of

**“When do I die to sin?”**

Shall we continue  
In sin that grace may  
abound? Certainly not!  
How shall we who  
**died to sin** live any  
longer in it?



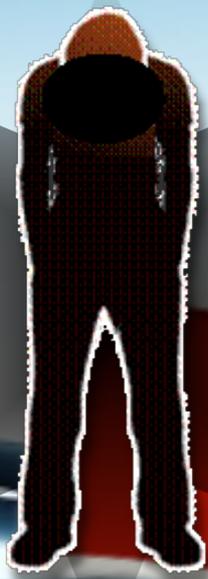
*Romans 6:1-2*

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"Do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ** Jesus were **baptized into His death**?"

*Romans 6:3*



**INTO CHRIST**



It was in His **death** on the cross that His **blood** was shed for our sins.

**Romans 6**

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"We were **buried with Him through baptism into death**, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life.**"

*Romans 6:4*

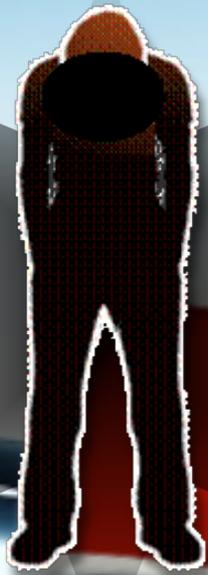
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"For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His death**, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His **resurrection.**"

*Romans 6:5*

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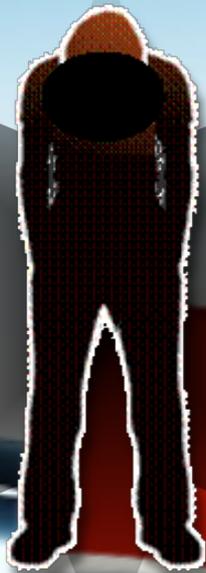
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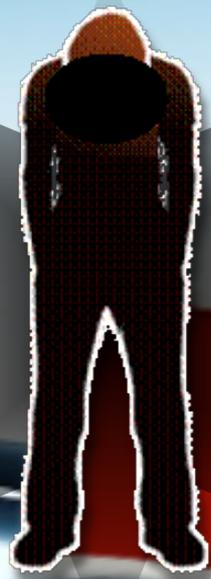
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“Knowing this, that our **old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of **sin** might be done away with, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin.**”

*Romans 6:6*



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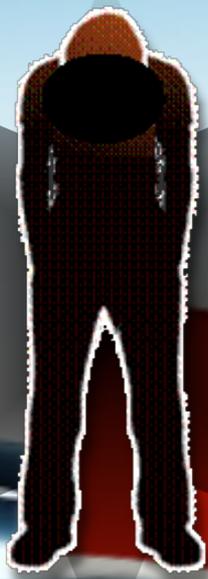
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“For he who has **died** has been freed from sin. Now if we **died with Christ**, we believe that we shall also **live with Him.**”

*Romans 6:7-8*



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“Regard yourselves to be **dead indeed to sin**, but **alive to God in Christ Jesus** our Lord. Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts.”

*Romans 6:11-12*

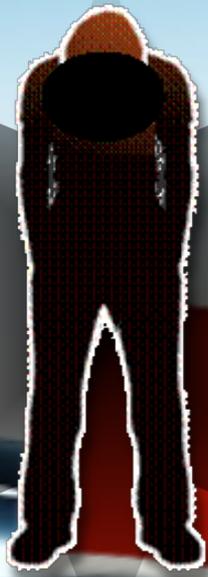
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“Though **you were slaves of sin**, yet you **obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And **having been set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness.”

*Romans 6:17-18*

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"Having been **set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to **holiness**, and the end, **everlasting life**...the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is **eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"

*Romans 6:22-23*

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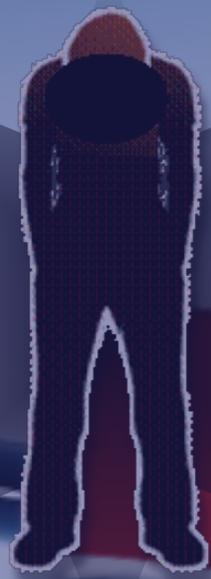
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**Romans 6**

**Have you died with Christ?**

If not, do you want to die with Christ and have new life in Him?



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## ***But first...***

**Jesus said, "...count the cost..." (Luke 14:27-28)**

- **"the Lord added the saved to the church" (Acts 2:47)**
- **"baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13)**
- **"one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5)**
- **"continued steadfastly" in worship (Acts 2:42)**
- **"must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24)**
- **"not forsaking the assembling" (Hebrews 10:25)**
- **"be faithful unto death" (Revelation 2:10)**

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**COUNT THE COST!**

**One more thing: *The Parable of the Sower* (Luke 8:4-15)**

**The 4 kinds of soils are 4 kinds of hearts:**

- 1. wayside soil: never receives the word**
- 2. rocky soil: receives the word**  
...no root, in time of temptation falls away
- 3. thorny soil: receives the word**  
...cares of the world choke the word
- 4. good soil: receives the word**  
...keeps it, bears fruit with patience

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**Which heart are you?**

***Finally...***

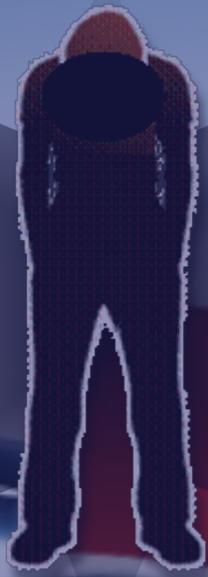
**God has expectations of you...and so do we:**

- **He expects you to be present at worship.**
- **He expects you to live a godly, moral life.**
- **He expects you to read your Bible so you can grow.**
- **He expects you to pray regularly to Him.**
- **He expects you to study with other Christians.**
- **He expects you to be subject to the church elders.**
- **He expects you to be faithful to His Son Jesus.**

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**God expects commitment!**

Do you **still** want to die with Christ and have new life in Him?



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